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I will just demonstrate that I mean what I said and that I can talk for a while. If I hadn't seen such mean spiritedness in that last vote on Senator Dwite Pedersen's vote, amendment, his motion, I wouldn't have had the reaction that I had. There are other votes that have gone contrary to the way that I wanted them to go to on issues of substance, and I took that as a part of being down here and that was a loss and I took the loss. But when we come to a juncture where very serious matters are before us and a vote is taken which rubs my face in something, I'm not going to take that lying down. And people can react to what I'm saying any way that they choose, but I know how I'm going to react to what was done. To touch on Senator Pedersen's motion again or his amendment, all over this country evidence shows that what they call crime is in a downward turn. The need for prisons cannot be demonstrated. Senator Pedersen wanted to offer us the opportunity to make it clear that the Legislature is not through looking at this issue and that was rejected. Maybe people were not aware of what really was at stake or what was entailed in his amendment. I don't know whether he did not explain it clearly enough for everybody, but it would not have harmed anything. But if I cannot get even a modicum of consideration, I'm not going to give it either.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator, close on the bracket motion? Closing is waived. The question before the body is the adoption of the bracket motion to LB 1108. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on Senator Chambers' bracket motion.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Bracket motion passes. The next bill is LB 1110. Items for the record before we begin.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Brown has amendments to (LB) 1073 to be printed; Senator Beutler and Wehrbein to (LB) 1108; Senator Witek to (LB) 1070. (See pages 1187-91 of the Legislative Journal.)

With respect to LB 1110, Senator Bruning, I have Enrollment and Review amendments pending, Senator.